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SECRETARY'S PAGE

My Brethren:

This is it . . . the summer we wanted so much to see during the cold of last winter. The good old summertime. Time when, for a few short weeks, we can lay away the cares of earning a living and think of vacation. Where many of us engage in and enjoy the age old sport of girl watching. This is a real good way to pass away the time between reunions.

Vacation, supposedly a time to relax and get physically and mentally ready to enter into another year of work. It's more than that; admittedly a time for relaxation, it is also a time of danger, a time to exercise care and caution. The water is treacherous. Hundreds are drowned each summer. The highways are crowded with those who, like you, are seeking fun, rest and relaxation. Sunburn takes its toll. A beautiful suntan is often purchased at the price of pain and blisters. Be these as they may, summer is still wonderful.

Now that vacation is drawing to a close, let us all get down to the business at hand. It is the time to get with "The Reunion of Light". Remember that Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 1, 2 and 3 are days of enlightenment. On these days further light in Masonry will be offered here in New Bern. At this time many Master Masons will be able to be a part of a great Masonic revelation.

The Blue Lodges of our jurisdiction have been busy this year. According to reports from the Grand Lodge, Masonry in Eastern North Carolina is flourishing. This means that candidates are available. I ask you as a Scottish Rite Mason to secure these brothers as candidates that they, too, can receive that further light that they have sought and requested. Scottish Rite is that further light. Let us share it with our Masonic brothers.

My brothers, we are counting on you. I know you will respond. In the meantime, have a happy summer and vacation. May God watch over, shield and protect you.

Fraternally,

Charlie Potter

Charlie Potter, 33°
Secretary

From Me To You

Give me one friend, just one, who meets
The needs of all my varying moods;
Be we in noisy city streets,
Or in dear Nature's solitudes.

One who can let the World go by,
And suffer not a minute's pang;
Who'd dare to shock propriety
With me, and never care a hang.

One who can share my grief or mirth,
And know my days to praise or curse;
And rate me just for what I'm worth,
And find me still, --Oh, not so worse!

Give me one friend, for peace or war,
And I shall hold myself well blest,
And richly compensated for
The cussedness of all the rest.

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Speaking in Quotes: We live by the clock today. A man spends eight hours earning money, eight hours more spending 150 percent of what he has earned, and most of the remaining eight hours wondering why he can't sleep.

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Pray for a good harvest, but keep on hoeing.

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Charlie tells me, "Alas" is early Victorian for, "Oh, hell!"

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Mary says that alcohol is the only known substance that will make a woman beautiful when taken internally -- by her escort.

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Johnny tells me that his college years were the only vacation he got between his mother and his wife.

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I guess the proper definintion of a "Mugwump" is a man that sits on a fence with his mug on one side and his wump on the other.

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Speaking with the Ladies: Here's to Woman----indestructible, delectable and---so deductible.

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"Grandma, were you once a little girl like me?" asked Doris.

"Why, yes, dear," answered Grandma, smiling. "Why do you ask?"

"Then," said Doris, "I suppose you know how it feels to get an ice cream cone when you don't expect one."

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Dad took Willie to see a show that featured fifty of the most naked performers in the country. "Phooey, phooey, phooey," Dad kept muttering all during the performance.

"Whatsa matter, Dad? Don't you like the show?" Willie asked.

"Sure I do," he replied. "I was just thinking of your mother."

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Mrs. Fussbus was one of those women with a natural curiosity. She had to know everything about everything. "How is it," she asked the dentist one day, "that the little hole in my tooth feels so big to my tongue?"

"Well," said the dentist, "you know how a woman's tongue exaggerates."

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There's an old saying, "Silence is golden"---that's why so many married men are prosperous.

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You've got a good lawyer to take care of the estate?" asked her mother.

"OH--don't talk to me about lawyers," she said angrily. "I've had so much trouble over property--sometimes I wish George had never died."

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Speaking in Jest: "Have your bees done well this year?" I asked Barney.

"Well," Barney replied, "they haven't given much honey, but they did sting my mother-in-law."

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The cop was on the witness stand.

"I could see him in the middle of the road on his hands and knees."

"Your honor," interrupted the lawyer. "Just because a man is in the middle of the road on his hands and knees at midnight is no sign that he is drunk."

"What the attorney says is quite true," agreed the cop. "But the defendant was trying to roll up the white line."

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I've heard that the definition of nonsense is an elephant hanging over a cliff with his tail tied to a daisy.

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A boy was taking a stroll through a cemetery and reading the inscriptions on the tombstones. He came to one which declared: "Not dead, but sleeping."

After contemplating the phrase for a moment, and scratching his head, he exclaimed: "He sure ain't foolin' nobody but himself."

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We just finished our Town budget, a method of worrying before you spend instead of afterward.

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I was asked the other day if I had ever realized any of my childhood hopes. I had to answer, "Yes; when mother used to comb my hair, I often wished I didn't have any."

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I had gathered what I thought were several rather good jokes and I asked Charlie what he would give me for them.

His reply, "A ten yard start."

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Speaking from His Book: For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

....Matthew 18:20

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Something Else

Reynold Davenport

A whole lot of people nowadays fear and predict that the human race will eventually self-destruct, most naming nuclear warfare as our chosen means of exodus from these earthly scenes.

Well, I don't know. They may be right, but I hope not. And even if they are right as to the first part - the prediction of self-destruction, I'm not so sure about nuclear warfare being the cause thereof. It seems to me we are inventing and producing cancer-causing agents about as fast as we build nuclear arms. Just as soon as a manufacturer comes out with a new food item, or pill, or insect spray, or paint, or whatever, some laboratory will announce it has determined the new product will induce cancer in unborn swallow-tailed house flies.

I don't intend to scoff at the tragedy of cancer; it is a horrible disease that fully merits every effort to wipe it out, but it does seem to me we are bringing down upon ourselves a plethora of forebodings we could really do without. It appears only a matter of time until some trace of cancer-causing agents is found in virtually everything we eat, drink, breathe and handle, so why should we make ourselves miserable about traces already discovered? After all, some medical opinion has it that every person now alive will eventually have cancer if he or she lives long enough. Some day science will surely discover means of preventing and curing cancer; until then, the only safe thing to do is shut your eyes, close your mouth, hold your nose, and do not breathe or swallow. By following those directions you will surely prevent cancer and, after a few minutes of this treatment, you will effectively ward off every other known disease.

A final note about cancer fears, and I'll move on. I have for some time expected that some individual will offer to sell a list of all the things that science has absolutely proven WILL NOT cause cancer, and then mail a blank sheet of paper to each person ordering the list.

On the not so pleasant subject of mortality, have you ever considered that the lowly cockroach may eventually eliminate the human race?

The cockroach is said to date back to prehistoric times, and to date forward beyond predictability. He has been assaulted with sprays, powders, gasses, and what have you; he has been burned out and flooded out; he has been shot into space; and he has flourished. Some scientists believe cockroaches would survive a nuclear holocaust - most housewives agree.

Reynold S. Davenport, 33°

He is an insignificant sort of bug, when you compare him with others. Many bugs possess the advantage of swift flight, a whole lot of bugs are swifter afoot than the cockroach, most bugs reacts more rapidly than the cockroach to discovery. Most bugs, when you come upon them, will immediately dart or fly out of reach and/or sight. But the cockroach often just stands there, daring you to swat him.

A thoroughly repulsive bug, the cockroach is probably the most detested of all pests that infest homes. You can hardly find a housewife that will admit to having roaches in her house; women go into shock when a cockroach appears in the presence of guests, upon which occurance they will loudly and repeatedly announce it is the first cockroach ever seen in the house. Yet, considering the talents of the roach, it is a wonder more homes are not infested. A home is not necessarily dirty if roaches are attracted to it, but a home becomes dirty if roaches remain in it. They stink, for one thing.

Did you know cockroaches will destroy bedbugs? So far as I know, that is the only thing that can be said in a cockroach's favor.

During elementary school our daughter and her classmates were once assigned to collect bugs of all types, including cockroaches. (Now I know cockroaches are said to be neither bugs nor beetles, but they will always be bugs to me.) So Ann set out with her misgiving and some jars for the bugs. To start with, she was afraid of bugs, and now she feared her mother, for Mary Frances had assured her of dire consequences if even so much as one cockroach, dead or alive, pent or unpent, should be transported into the house. And when Ann returned from each bug-hunting expedition, there was Mary Frances to greet her, spray and swatter in hand, and each time an exhaustive search was made for cockroaches. A snake may have gotten past Mary Frances, or a mouse, or even a skunk, but not a cockroach.

In such favor are cockroaches generally held.

But how, you may ask, will the cockroach eliminate mankind?

This will come about, if it ever does, by cockroaches and men simply being what they are. The roach has a proven record of survivability, crawling placidly along down through the centuries, eating whatever is available, living in whatever shelter presents itself, and demonstrating uncanny ability to remain aloof from all potions and concoctions devised for his demise. Man, on the other hand, grows ever more dependent upon the devices he has contrived for his convenience. The modern man could not survive even a short while the rigors of the Stone Age, but the cockroach did. The roach was here then, and long before. He is going to be here long after.

On the other hand, I don't think it is something we have to worry about right now.

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Researchers Link Gene, Dyslexia Problem

(The following article was written by Patrick Malone, Herald Medical writer)

When a child can't read, the usual explanation is that he's lazy, or retarded, or the victim of television or incompetent teachers.

Many of those children actually suffer from a genetic defect inherited from their parents, University of Miami researchers now believe.

They believe they have proof that there is a gene for reading disability just as there are genes for curly hair and blue eyes.

The discovery, if confirmed by other scientists, represents a major advance in understanding a problem that afflicts more than one million school children — 9,000 in Dade County alone — and countless adults.

It also adds fuel to the controversy over how much intelligence is inherited and how much is shaped by the environment.

The knowledge that some cases of dyslexia, as the mysterious inability to read is named, are genetically caused would enable educators to get youngsters into special programs before they fall so far behind that they are permanently disenchanted with school.

Albert Einstein, Thomas Edison and Nelson Rockefeller all overcame dyslexia, but for many others the condition leads to juvenile delinquency, school dropouts and shattered career dreams.

Dr. Shelley Smith and her colleagues at the University of Miami Mailman Center for Child Development found genetic evidence for dyslexia by studying families in whom more than one member had a serious reading problem.

In one family, the father was a Ph.D. and the mother taught English, though she had lingering spelling problems that indicated dyslexia.

The oldest child, an 11th-grader, had an IQ of 125 and college-level mathematics skills. But she read at the ninth-grade level and spelled like a fifth-grader.

The couple's eighth-grade son had an 11th-grade math level but third-grade reading abilities. Their fifth-grade son could barely read at all.

That pattern in itself is striking but only suggestive of an inherited problem. Finding proof was more difficult, largely because dyslexia has long been a research quagmire.

Dyslexia itself is a catch-all term for an inability to read that can't be explained by obvious causes such as a vision problem or retardation.

It is easy to say what dyslexia is not: It is not, as many people believe, a condition in which words or letters seem backwards or upside down. But it is impossible to say with certainty what it is.

Since dyslexia first was noticed by British doctors at the turn of the century, it was suggested that the cause might be genetic because the condition sometimes clustered in families and in identical twins. But the genetic theory could never be proven, and other explanations waxed and waned.

Environmental causes — poor teaching or home life — held center stage for may years, but biological explanations have been in vogue for the last decade.

One current theory for dyslexia suggests that it is a form of permanent motion sickness, a faulty link between the brain and the inner ear that acts as the body's gyroscope.

Another, that it is an imbalance between the two hemispheres of the brain, with the left brain failing to assert its usual dominance over language functions and warring with the right brain over how to interpret images.

Other theories point to diet, or to subtle brain damage at birth.

The theory that dyslexia can be traced back further, to the moment of conception when two sets of genes come together, is attaining new prominence through the family research in Miami and another project at Johns Hopkins University.

"Just because you see a family pattern doesn't mean it's genetic," Smith says. "It could be that because the father doesn't like to read, the son doesn't either. We looked to see if dyslexia is inherited along with something we already know is inherited."

The project, which started in 1975 when Smith and her coworkers were at the University of Colorado, quickly found a suspected link. But it was not until now that enough families were studied to have statistically significant proof, which in genetics is odds of only 1 in 1,000 that the link is a coincidental fluke.

The link that has been found is between dyslexia and the 15th pair of chromosomes.

Each pair has 23 such pairs of chromosomes, which carry the thousands of molecular units of inheritance known as genes. In each pair, one chromosome comes from each parent.

Flourescent dyes and other chemical markers sometimes can be used to tell one chromosome from its mate. Geneticists then can trace an individual chromosome from parent to child to grandchild.

Smith's group studied eight Denver families, which including several sets of cousins totaled 80 individuals. In six of

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the families, every time a particular No. 15 chromosome was passed from parent to child, dyslexia occurred. Every time the child received the parent's other No. 15 chromosome, the child could read normally. One of the families did not show the pattern, and one was borderline.

Six Miami families are now part of the study, but their chromosome analysis has not been completed.

The technique used by the Miami team is called "linkage analysis," and it is a standard way of proving that a trait is inherited genetically. Before being accepted as proof, though, the findings will have to be verified by other scientists who will check the arithmetic and make sure that some of the individuals were not mislabeled.

"If it pans out, this would be an extremely significant step. The work is exciting," says Dr. Joan Finucci of John Hopkins, who is studying a larger group of families and looking for other common traits between parents and children.

Many puzzles remain in dyslexia. Boys, for instance, have the problem two to three times more commonly than girls and have it more severely than girl dyslexics. No one knows why.

Nor can anyone explain why children pick up oral language spontaneously but need formal training for written lanquage, which is a comparatively recent phenomenon in human evolution.

"If we don't understand normal reading, it may be impossible for us to learn why some people fail," notes Dr. James Kavanagh of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Develoment, which funds dyslexia studies.

Smith's group does not pretend to have the answer for all dyslexia. They believe that genetic dyslexia probably accounts for about one-third of all dyslexia. Though that is just a guess, it represents hundreds of thousands of children with inherited reading disability.

Intensive tutoring usually can overcome the reading handicap, though many dyslexics remain poor spellers all their lives. Some dyslexics, however, never learn. Instead, they develop charades to disguise the problem. One father in the Miami study would always take his wife to job interviews and when it came time to fill out the application, he would slip out to the car and have her fill it in.

Early intervention is the key, but children are seldom diagnosed before their eighth or ninth birthday. Genetic dyslexia could be spotted through chromosome studies at birth.

Finding a gene for dyslexia also will open the door for molecular biologists to pinpoint just what it is that goes awry with the brain to produce the peculiar learning defect.

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When Your Back Is To The Wall

I suppose that at sometime or other each of us has felt that we would like for the world to stop and let us off! To every person there comes, sooner or later, great swift-crowded hours when he feels himself caught up in an irresistable current of events - a time when it seems like life is caught in a mighty current and the issues are uncertain. These experiences may come at any point of life. There is no escape from their coming. They may come to the business man when competition cuts the bottom from his business. They may come when our plans and hopes come crashing at our feet. They may come when a man looks back regretfully on his life. They may come when death invades our home. They come in a multitude of ways. When they do come, no academic discussion will suffice to meet our need. We are simply faced with the question, "What are we going to do? What will be the base of my action?" Both questions come with the speed of light and the answers are to be found in another question: "What do I believe?"

That is indeed the inescapable logic of the inescapable facts. A man must need declare himself then and acts on that declaration of faith. It is not merely a human voice which asks these questions, but facts and life. These questions will not stand still for an answer. It is in the crucible of experience that faith is minted. It is amidst the fire that faith is proved. It is amidst of life's experiences that man learns that the measure of his faith sets the course of his life. Let one say, "I believe in nothing but chance" and he will become a non-moral opportunist. He will take fun where he finds it and become a spiritual derelict who drifts through life - a danger to himself and all who travel the same road. When an individual believes in nothing but himself and his character is shaped with the stamp of his own mean egotism while sucking the life blood from the world around him.

Dr. Clyde G. McCarver, 33°

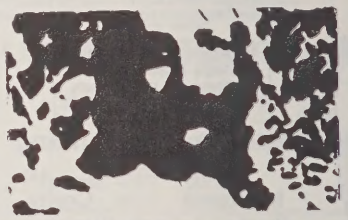
"This is my faith and by this I live." This is what shapes our character and determines our destiny. It shapes our action as surely as the law of gravitation determines the falling of an object.

Our masonic moral teachings affirm "I believe in a Supreme Being and though he slay me, yet will I trust Him." That faith will as surely shape our character and destiny as the lesser faith. Such faith does not come easy. It is born in the lonesome valley of decision. The great decisions of life are almost always made in the valley and not often on the heights. Call it by any name, but it is God's pull on the soul which brings us through the valley.

Some of the greatest victories of the soul begin here in some lonely soul making his affirmation of faith when his back is to the wall. The same may be said of nations. Where does freedom come from save in the whisper of the Supreme Architect that "this is the way to build for freedom"? From where comes the designs set upon the Trestleboard of life save from Him? The splendid triumphs of history have always been in the struggle of soul daring to make a positive affirmation of faith against a hostile and incredulous world.

This is the kind of faith for which the world is waiting with anxious expectations. The whole world is now in the valley of determinative decisions. It is no longer a private battle on the part of us as individuals or as a nation. It is being wrought in the conflicting philosophies of mankind all over the world. There are still held before our eyes alluring promises of happiness and independence. The powers of the world still promise security and peace by following them. Side by side with them all stand the truths and morals affirmed by masonry. Which stands for the inconcurable things? In which can the aspirations and fulfillment of true life for all men be found? That is the great debate which is being carried on in the world today. Is it because we are not sure of our faith that our back is often against the wall? Ultimately we are forced to ask ourselves, "In whom do you put your trust?" No compromise is possible on that issue! May the Supreme Being help you and me to that faith which overcomes the world...the faith that love and justice and righteousness, and brotherhood cannot be defeated and that in truth our faith is well-founded.

When your back is to the wall what do you behold on the Trestleboard of the Great Architect of the Universe?



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Four Scholarship Recipients Named

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Rear Admiral William G. Sizemore, USN (Ret.)—former Deputy Director of the Defense Nuclear Agency and current Director of Education and Americanism of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council of Freemasonry — has announced the selection of four scholarship recipients for 1984. Henry C. Clausen, Sovereign Grand Commander, approved the finalists including two educators who will receive two-year Leadership Scholarships in Public School Administration. Another educator and an undergraduate student will receive Shepherd Scholarships.

The purpose of the Leadership Scholarships is for professional educators to complete their doctoral degrees so they might offer their full potential to the advancement of public education. The grants are $5,000 a year for two years. This program has been in effect since 1965 and is intended to strengthen our public schools and provide well-prepared administrators. Each recipient selects the graduate school of his or her choice. Selection is made without regard to race, color, creed, sex or national origin.

The Leadership Scholarship winners for 1984 are Donald Thomas Alvey of Stafford, Virginia, and Bruce Rainer Black of Lake Wales, Florida. Mr. Alvey, a teacher of mathematics, has a long record of dedicated contribution to public education. He plans to pursue a doctorate in school administrtion. Mr. Black, an assistant principal specializing in curriculum, will continue study in the area of curriculum development.

The Shepherd Scholarship is intended to assist either undergraduate or graduate students complete their education. This year's grants were awarded to Lea Ann Johnson of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Robert Tiley Trigg, Jr. of Ft. Walton Beach, Florida. Miss Johnson, a junior at the University of Northern Colorado, is majoring in acoustically handicapped and elementary education. Mr. Trigg is a teacher in the Franklin County school system. His future plans involve an advanced degree in education administration and supervision.

The Shepherd Scholarships, like the Leadership Scholarships, do not bind the recipients to any particular school. Further, students may major in any area of their choice. This scholarship is also granted without regard to race, color, creed, sex or national origin.

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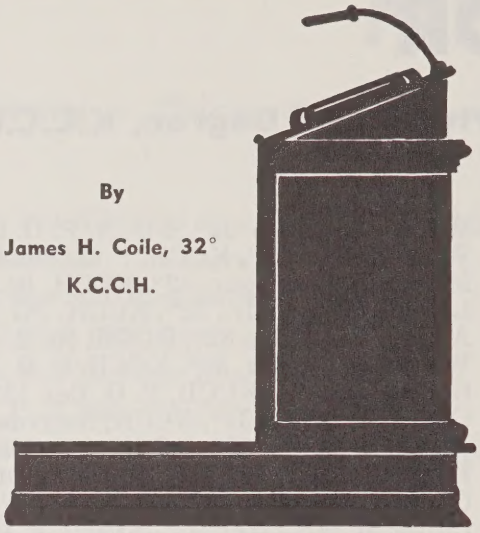

Longing to Be Free; Longing to Be Obedient

Much has been said, much has been written, within the Judaeo-Christian tradition concerning the difference between law and grace. Within the context of the theology of the two religions, law is seen as the mandate of the diety and grace is seen as the mercy of the diety. Now, this is, realistically, too simple an explanation of the difference between the application of the law and the acceptance of grace; yet, this simple analogy illustrates the intellectual and emotional conflict that exists within the heart of mankind between the urge to be obedient to duty and the yearning to be free from all restraints.

Laws made by governments and law of God are both seen by the man who lacks understanding as the repression of humankind by an uncaring government or god. Law that tends to repress the spirit, deny the creativity, subdue the initiative, and control the mind of man should be seen as repressive and wrong; and man should in every way endeavor to rid himself of such stagnating control. However, law that benefits the creativity, exalts the spirit, encourages the initiative, and enlightens the mind of man should be cherished, appropriated, and assumed as one's own internal control. Herein lies the difference between the goodness of God and the oppressiveness of man. For the law of God indeed is God's effort to provide for mankind, His children, the best of the world and the best manner in which to conduct himself in order to benefit the created and creating order of the universe. The law of man is quite often the attempt by a few to control the many for the benefit of the few. It was that situation that brought to pass the revolution that began the creation of this nation of which we are a part.

We have recently celebrated again the independence of this nation. During the celebrations we should have remembered the importance of freedom and the necessity of law to insure that freedom is experienced and cherished by all. We often think that freedom is defined as the absence of all restraint. Such is not the case. The absence of all restraint is "chaos." Chaos was the condition of the universe before the diety began the creative process. That will be the condition of this nation if the self-imposed restraint of law were removed. The establishment of the rule of law and the appropriation of law as self control is the very essence of the freedom of the individual and the safety of the nation. We cannot repeal the law of God. The repeal of all man-made law would insure chaos for this nation. However, the establishment of a rule of law should be done (for those nations which wish to survive) only after a careful determination of the will of the diety for the nation.

The law of God is designed to benefit mankind. It is designed to provide for the human creation a place of authority, a place of peace, and a place of prosperity. It is meant to give to man a partnership with the diety in the continuing creation of the universe. The law of God is designed to enable all mankind to live in love, harmony, and peace. In the establishment of nations, governments should endeavor to imitate the law of God in the formulation of national law. The founding fathers of this nation were men of faith, men of worship, and men of allegiance to the dictates of the deity. They did not follow the diety out of fear, but rather out of respect for his creativity and out of an understanding of his purposes for mankind. They understood that only in obedience to the law of God could man ever hope to have freedom, either individually or collectively.

The individual Scottish Rite Mason seeks first to understand God's law. He then seeks to apply that law to his own life. He further seeks by precept and example to bring that law into existence for all mankind. The Scottish Rite Mason would encourage all mankind to appropriate for themselves the law of the diety, knowing full well that only as we abide by the law of God can we live in harmony in this world.

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Yesterday's Success Today's Challenge

(Written by the Hon. Mills E. Godwin, Jr., 33°, former Governor of Virginia and printed in *THE NEW AGE* May 1975)

A new challenge confronts Masonry today. Throughout the Nation there is, on the part of so many of our people, a loss of faith in our religious beliefs and principles and in the personal moral guidelines they have always offered us. But it is more than that. It is a loss of faith in all of the institutions that hold our society together.

The pulse-takers who constantly survey public opinion have given us chapter and verse and told us how wide and how deep is the disenchantment, and distrust, and disillusionment, if you will, among so many. The public's confidence in business is at an all-time low. The public's confidence in the educational process has suffered a drastic decline.

Attendance at our traditional churches has fallen off, and a bevy of splinter religious groups has sprung up, particularly among our young people. Even science and technology, in which we took such pride just a few years ago, are criticized for polluting our air and water and destroying our scenic countryside. The virus has affected government at every level to an even more marked degree.

Some of the more detached observers have said that this worldwide shift in public attitude will prove as important in the stream of history as the Reformation proved to be in the history of the Christian religion.

Perhaps the problem is not that severe, but surely many of us have not taken its widespread effects seriously enough. The pulse-takers and their analyses have brought the problem even closer home for us. Their in-depth studies tell us that our people have not lost faith in their system of government. They have not necessarily lost faith in the private enterprise system. They have not rejected religion.

But what the American people want is to see these institutions producing the kinds of results that they have been promising the citizens all along.

To some extent we are the victims of our own success. We have been so successful in providing the unfettered pursuit of happiness our country promises that we have raised our people's expectations past the point where we can deliver according to their timetable.

We have performed so many miracles that we have produced the "now" generation which will not wait even a reasonable time to solve our problems.

We have been so successful in our military operations that our people cannot understand how we could fail to settle satisfactorily a war in the far-off jungles of Southeast Asia.

We have been so successful in exploring outer space that our people cannot understand why we seem unable to solve the problem of the inner city.

We have been so successful in raising this country's standards of living that our people cannot understand why we still have poverty in the midst of plenty and our welfare rolls continue to expand.

Their elected representatives have led our people to believe that they were paragons of virtue, and when there is evidence in high places that this may not be entirely so, the public is doubly shocked and dismayed.

Certainly, this disenchantment among American citizens is our most serious national problem today. Without the support of the majority of our people we can hardly hope to continue the growth and progress that have so far marked this Nation.

If our employees do not have faith in the companies for which they work and, more specifically, in the officials of these companies, we can hardly expect to solve our growing problem of labor productivity.

If the moral values of our society are not supported by unshakable public opinion, we can hardly hope to wipe the shadow of crime from our streets, our homes, and our airports.

If our people—particularly our young people—will no longer buy the dogma and the ritual of our religious services, we can hardly hope to fill the great need that all people share for a firm belief in a power far greater than their own.

And if we lose our faith in the integrity of our political leaders, then the whole fabric of government and the strength of our political process are in danger.

If we are to change the direction of public thinking, if we are to restore the faith that has eroded away, it will not be

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enough to rely on business as usual, for business as usual is what is under attack.

Businessmen must recall the number of things that they are doing differently today from what they were doing five years ago, changes brought about because employees or customers have let it be known that the old ways were not good enough. Professional men and women should recognize the pressures for change today in the principles that guide them in the discharge of their duties. And parents ought to think back on how differently they reacted as children from the way their children now react.

No, business as usual, professions as usual, homes as usual, will not do today, unless we as individuals can live up to the new expectations that have permeated every part of our society.

If we are to restore the public's faith, if we are to rescue this Nation—and it has come to that—then each one of us must make certain that we are like Caesar's wife, above reproach.

And this truth we must build, not only in our eyes but in the eyes of those who each day are judging us by sharpened standards, by burnished moral values that they feel have somehow become tarnished in our time. And if we tune our ears and sharpen our vision, we will sometimes find their judgment is not the same as our own.

These are moral judgments, and ours must be a moral crusade. Nowhere could we find a more appropriate vehicle than the Brotherhood of Masonry. We must find a way at all cost to restore public faith and confidence and to demonstrate that the suspicion so widespread among our people has no solid foundation.

We must convince our people that the vast number of the men and women of this country still go about their daily jobs with enthusiasm and concern, that they still worry about their children and their families, that they still lie awake nights concerned about whether their decisions that day were fair and just, that they still get down on their knees and pray from the depths of a belief that there is Someone listening.

We must convince our people that these American verities are still valid and that they represent the basic strength that has carried this country through so many crises of the past and will serve us still in the present.

We have before us the example of men who pledged their all in the cause of a better life for every citizen and who gave the full measure of their efforts and their devotion to the Craft.

If we are willing to dedicate ourselves to living our own lives by their sterling example from the past, then perhaps we will have made a beginning towards restoring faith in America.

We need not go far beyond the principles of Masonry itself. We need only rededicate ourselves to living them every hour of every day and, by our example, inspiring others to do the same.

If we would restore our people's credibility in our pronouncements, then those same pronouncements must reflect the truth.

If we would restore faith and confidence, then we ourselves must be doubly worthy of it.

If we would destroy disillusionment, then we must offer our people more than an illusion of progress towards the American ideal.

If we would remove the frustration and the helplessness, then we must provide a useful avenue for the public's energies towards the lofty goals they have been promised. There is nothing more urgent in the months and years ahead. It is a matter of survival for ourselves, our children, and our children's children.

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SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

East Carteret Scottish Rite Club

The regular monthly meeting of the East Carteret Scottish Rite Club was held at Franklin Lodge No. 109 in Beaufort on Monday evening, June 4th with President Roy Laney, presiding. The meeting was opened with prayer by Brother Dave Dickinson. Twenty members were present.

The President advised that the "Reunion of Light" will be held November 1, 2 and 3, 1984.

Crissie Wright Lodge No. 741 will likely have a number of new Master Masons as candidates. However, Franklin Lodge will probably have to rely on recruiting among some of the older Masons. Brother Ottis Jefferson advised that a list of all Master Masons in Carteret County will be made available as a source of leads.

There being no further business the meeting was closed with prayer by President Laney.

Fraternally,
Fred Nelson, Secretary

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The regular monthly meeting of the East Carteret Scottish Rite Club was held at Franklin Lodge No. 109 A.F.&A.M. in Beaufort on Monday evening, July 2nd with President Roy Laney presiding. The meeting was opened with prayer by Brother David Dickinson. Twenty-two members were present.

President Laney suggested that we could perhaps use some new ideas for obtaining candidates for the "Reunion of Light" that will be held November 1, 2 and 3, 1984.

Brother Leonard Safrit has suggested we have a dinner at the Lodge for prospective candidates, separate from the usual Ladies Night.

Brother Ottis Jefferson and other members reminisced a list of Masons who at one time or another had expressed an interst in the Scottish Rite, but who had never taken the step.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with prayer by Brother Harold Rolison.

Fraternally,
Fred Nelson, Secretary

Edgecombe County Scottish Rite Club

On Thursday evening, June 14, 1984 the Edgecombe County Scottish Rite Club met at the Tarboro Golden Corral Restaurant at 6:30 P.M.

After the eight members and one guest present enjoyed a dutch supper, the business session began.

Everyone present bought at least one of the caps with the Scottish Rite emblem that our club is selling to raise money for our aphasia and dyslexia charities.

We were brought up to date on current blue lodge activity in Tarboro.

Everyone was urged to begin working on prospective candidates for the fall reunions.

No further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned.

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CHANGES IN BY-LAWS

The following are proposed changes to the By-laws of each of the Bodies in the Valley of New Bern. They were presented at the June meeting of the New Bern Lodge of Perfection and will be voted on at the September meeting.

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Fees and Dues

Section 4. A Life Membership in this New Bern Lodge of Perfection, without assessment of dues may be granted to any member of the Lodge upon application and upon the payment of a sum of money in accordance with the following schedule:

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Kirby Named Top Senior Citizen

Walter Kirby was named "Senior Citizen of the Year" at a luncheon recently of the Senior Citizens Club held at Knobbs Creek Recreation Center. He was chosen by secret ballot by members of the organization.

"He is an inspiration to all the club members," said Sue Norton, club advisor. "He wants every member to enjoy all of the opportunities offered. He and his wife, Marguerite, make every trip we have and they attend every meeting."

Novella Baker, a past president, made the presentation before the 140 club members attending. She recalled when she first knew Kirby. "The first work that I learned he did was to sell clothes for many years. The work was performed at the business of Weeks & Sawyer, where he remained until the Carolina Building burned." She noted that Kirby then went to work with the city of Elizabeth City where he worked for 15 years. When Kirby retired after 15 years with the city, he was not willing to "sit down and rock", according to Mrs. Barker. He went to work for Twiford's Funeral Home.

When Kirby joined the Senior Citizens' Club he accepted the job of finding some one to give the devotional for each of the meetings. His second job in the club is working on the travel committee, "trying to provide interesting and variety in trips for the club members," Mrs. Barker said.

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NOVEMBER 1, 2 and 3, 1984

"THE REUNION OF LIGHT"

of the

New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies

New Bern, North Carolina

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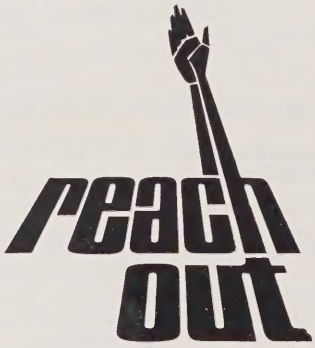
Every member of the New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies is urged to bring at least one new candidate into this class. Let's make New Bern the Masonic Heartbeat of America with a renewal and dedicated effort to enlist our brother Master Masons as members of Scottish Rite.



REUNION SCHEDULE

4°-14° — Thursday, November 1
15°-29° — Friday, November 2
30°-32° — Saturday, November 3

the hand of Friendship and Brotherly LOVE to a Master Mason

Get his petition — Help him obtain his 32°

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